

Canadian Officers Training Corps 1914-1915

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See also correspondence

in "Faculty of Medicine Military Hospital" file

1. Strength - 9 Cos. of 100 each.
2. Officers. ~~to be submitted later.~~ Members of the University staff will in the meantime supervise enrolments in the College of Agriculture. ~~Control~~ ^{Control} of organization and training will be undertaken by the F.S.O. & Instructional Centre of the 2nd Division (~~see~~ C.O.T.C. Reg. para 36).
Officers of services from officers of local militia units, who are old University men, will be forthcoming, (C.O.T.C. Reg. 15, (2) & (3)) & the names submitted later.
3. Facilities. In the basement of the Medical Bldg. lockers accommodate for arm, accoutrements & insignia ~~can~~ ^{is} ~~be provided for~~ already available for 600 men. An office for an Order Room can also be provided. There is, however, no covered accommodation suitable for drill purposes.
4. Military Committee.

To-

The Officer Commanding,

-----Division (or District).

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Particulars of contingent to be furnished.

1. Strength

Number of companies which it is desired to organise and number of students it is anticipated will join.

2. Officers

Names, present rank and qualification of gentlemen who are prepared to accept commissions.

3. Facilities

Details of accommodation available.

4. Military Committee

Names of members of the committee of Military Education, stating their connection with the University.

September 30th, 1914

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I am, Yours sincerely,

President.

President's Office.



September 30th, 1914

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I am, Yours sincerely,

Robert Mullock
President.

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September 30th, 1914

The Officer Commanding 2nd Division,
215 Simcoe Street, Toronto.

Sir:

In accordance with my conversation with you last week I am glad to be able to report that for the present winter the University of Toronto is able to offer the following accommodation for an Officers Training Corps:

In the basement of the Medical Building locker accommodation for arms, accoutrements and uniforms is already available for 600 men, and space for 200 additional lockers, provided the Militia Department will erect them. An office for an Orderly Room can also be provided. There is, however, no covered accommodation suitable for drill purposes.

I hope that this will be regarded as satisfactory by the Militia authorities and that the request contained in my letter to the Minister of Militia at Ottawa of which you have a copy may be recommended by you to Headquarters.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

To the Officer Commanding,
2nd Division, Toronto.

October 2nd, 1914

Sir:

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4. Military Committee. Professors Ellis, Needler, Fotheringham, Baker, Lang, Miller. H. W. Wickle (graduate). President Falconer.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 7th, 1914

Senior Ordnance Officer,

2nd Division,

215 Simcoe Street, Toronto.

Sir:

As you are possibly aware application has been made to Headquarters to permit the establishment in the University of Toronto of an Officers Training Corps. This permission has not yet been received, but we are expecting it very shortly. In view of this fact we are desirous to learn whether it would be possible for the Officers Training Corps to purchase a machine gun which we are informed is now at Stanley Barracks. I shall be glad if you will let me know also the price at which it might be secured if it is for sale ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

In any further
correspondence on
this subject please
quote Number and
date of this Com-
munication.

No. 2D 4-36-1.

Toronto, Ont., 12th October 1914.

From The General Staff Officer
2nd Division

To The President, University
of Toronto.

Proposed formation, Canadian
Officers' Training Corps.
Toronto University.

Sir,

I have been requested to inform you, with
reference to the proposed formation of a Canadian
Officers' Training Corps at the University of Toronto,
that the matter is under consideration and that
authority for the organization of this detachment
C.O.T.C. cannot be given until equipment is available.

H. S. S. S. S.
Major,
G.S.O. 2nd Division.

No. 7411-1-1

From The Adjutant-General,
Canadian Militia.

To The President, Toronto University,
Toronto, Ont.

(Place and Date) Ottawa, 17th October, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of this date which
read as follows:-

"Corps contingent Toronto University
equipment not demanded until after
disposition under consideration".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Septimus D. Lewis
Colonel,
Acting Adjutant-General.

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October 15th, 1914

Colonel Arthur Penison,

Adjutant General, Canadian Militia,
Ottawa.

Sir:

I have to thank you for your letter, which I received yesterday,
and for the letter confirming the letter, which came this morning.
We are greatly obliged to you for the authorization and are quite willing
to accept it on the basis that you mention. Surely, but we shall not ask
you to continue the provision till after the expiration of the term
mentioned, because of the difficulty of doing so. I hope that we may be able
to give a better service in the future in the future.

Yours sincerely,

President,

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The military situation and the duties of the
University in respect to it: an opinion emitted
by the Graduates Society of McGill University.

The opinion contained in the following paragraphs is the result of careful consideration. It embodies the conclusions reached by a careful weighing of opinions and of facts, voiced by persons consulted because their duties qualified them to speak with authority.

1- The necessity for immediately training a large number of Canadian men in the art of war, for home and foreign service, is recognised and accepted.

2- Since it is stated that officers will be greatly needed for active service, machinery should be provided at every University through which all University men, desiring to assume the responsibility of an officer, will have every opportunity afforded them for becoming trained and qualified as officers.

3- The professional training of men in the Faculties of Science, and Medicine, as well as the training of those who have qualities, such as knowledge of languages or of organisation, which would be useful in the various specialist military units must not be lost. Men possessing such training should be urged to enter units of the medical, engineering, artillery, transport or other specialist services, rather than to serve as officer or private in an infantry regiment.

4- There are undoubtedly in each University a number of men, without special training and without the wish to become officers, who intend to volunteer for active service. It is desirable that these men serve together as a Universities regiment, or if not sufficient in number, as one or two companies of some Battalion.

The existence of University Battalions or companies will satisfy the desire of University men to serve together and to be under the immediate control of their own officers.

5- The machinery provided for the instruction of officers will, with additions or omissions, suffice for the training of men for specialist and for combatant units up to the point where their instruction must be completed by the service which they intend to join.

6- The establishment in each University of a Canadian Officers' Training Corps would supply the first part of the training for officers, specialists and combatants. In addition, special training ~~will~~ ^{should} be provided at each centre by such specialist units as may be authorized by the Militia Department for each University, upon the responsible request of the institution concerned.

7- While men should be urged to qualify themselves so that they may give the best service of which they are capable, all possible instruction and facility should be given to those who, through opportunity or inclination, are determined to enlist for active service at once. — *Enl. facilities & special consideration of each case*

8- Arrangements should be made by which those taking a set course with an Officers' Training Corps will receive a certificate stating the nature of their training and certifying their qualification to become an officer in the Canadian militia.

9- It would be convenient were a camp arranged, to commence at the end of the present college year, probably in May 1915. In it would be gathered for a final six or eight weeks' training and examination all those University men, who, at that time, had volunteered for active service whether as combatants or as specialists.

Some assurance must be given by the Militia Department that on arrival at camp the necessary instructors and equipment will be available for the proper training of the men in infantry and other specialist units.

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November 21st, 1914

From the Chairman of the Committee on Military Education,
University of Toronto.

To the General Officer Commanding 2nd Division,

Sir:

The Military Committee of the University of Toronto
has the honour to request that you will approve of and
forward to the Militia Headquarters the following

Lt-Col. W.B. Lang
Commanding C.F.
2nd Division.

recommendation, namely, that the officer named in the
margin be attached to the University of Toronto Contingent,
Canadian Officers' Training Corps from the first of
October, 1914, and that he be detailed to command the
Contingent from that date.

Lt.- Col. Lang is Professor of Chemistry in this
University.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Chairman.

To the Officer Commanding,
2nd Division,
Toronto.

December 21st, 1914

Sir:

Will you be good enough to order that the following gentlemen, members of the staff of the University who are now serving in or on the reserve of the active militia, may be attached for 1915 to the University of Toronto O.T.C.:

Captain McVicar
Captain LeFar
Captain Massey
Lieutenant Bramfitz.

(2) That M. G. M. Jennerst be transferred from his unit.

(3) That the following University officials not holding positions in the militia be recommended for provisional appointments as captains in the University of Toronto O.T.C.:

E. H. Weeder
M. M. Wallace
H. J. Kylie
W. H. Henderson
G. S. Pratt.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Dear Mr. President,

The attached gives
you the idea of the Administrative
Report required. Please have
date 30th March put on it.

yrs sincerely

W. M. Chang.

March 30th, 1915

The Chairman of the Military Committee, University of Toronto
To the Officer Commanding the 2nd Division,
Toronto.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CONTINGENT C.O.T.C.

Sir:

I have the honour to submit the following report, called for by paragraph 43, C.O.T.C. Regulations, for submission to militia headquarters.

STRENGTH. The Contingent has been organised by Faculties and Colleges in 12 companies each of 110 all ranks, and 1 supernumerary company of graduates resident in the city.

Enrolments have greatly exceeded this establishment, but it has been deemed advisable to train the surplus as supernumeraries.

PERSONNEL. It is a matter of satisfaction to be able to report that the Corps is entirely officered by members of the University Staff, with the exception of some few senior students with previous military experience in the junior ranks. The establishment is complete and a large number of members of the University are waiting nomination to vacancies in the commissioned ranks as they may occur.

TRAINING. Drills largely in excess of the number required by Regulations have been performed by every member under qualified officers of the Corps. Weekly lectures on the Field Service Regulations have also been regularly attended by over 500 undergraduates.

ACCOMMODATION. Temporary accommodation has been provided in the Applied Science Building, but this can be offered only for one year longer, after which more permanent quarters will be required.

OVERSEAS CONTINGENTS. Since January, some 300 members of the Corps have joined the C.E.F. either in the 2nd or 3rd Contingents.

GENERAL. It is a matter of gratification that we have been able to secure the services of Professor Lang and Messrs. McVicar, LePan, Branfitt, Massey, Coventry, Ryerson, and McEneaney, already qualified officers, in organising and training the Corps. Great credit is due them for the present state of efficiency.

I have the honour to be sir,

Your obedient servant,

Fredrick.

From the Chairman of the Military Committee
University of Toronto

To the O.C. 2^d Division.

Toronto March 30th 1915

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
Summary of Events Concerning
C.O.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report, called for by paragraph 73, C.O.C. Regulations, for submission to Military Headquarters.

STRENGTH The Contingent ^{has been} organized by Franklin & College in 12 companies, each 116 all ranks, & 2 independent companies, ^{each} 116 all ranks. The numbers have greatly exceeded their establishment, but it has been deemed advisable to train the surplus as supernumeraries.

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GENERAL . It is a matter of importance that in
the future the Corps should be able to supply itself
with the necessary food, clothing, and other
supplies. The present system of supply is
very inefficient and it is necessary to
organize the Corps. The present state of affairs
is not satisfactory.



I have the honor to

Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Telegraph



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The President Toronto University
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Premier has authorized C O T C camp being held
next month at Niagara as originally intended

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CONTINGENT ORDERS.

By Lt.- Col. W.R.Lang, C.E., commanding.

U of T., Contingent, C.O.T.C.

April, 26th. 1915.

Training Camp. The Contingent will train at Niagara-on-the-Lake for a period of twelve days, commencing Monday, May 3rd.

Advance Party. An advance party of 3 officers, 1 Q.M. Sergt. 2 Sergts. Lt. J.M. Wright. and 48 Men, will be prepared to leave for Niagara Friday, April 30th. Officers commanding companies will detail 1 2 Officers. N.C.O. and 3 men for this duty, names to be sent to the 1 Q.M.S. Orderly room not later than Wednesday, April 28th. 2 Sergeants. 48 Men.

Rolls. O.C.'s companies will prepare nominal rolls of men going to camp.

Equipment. All N.C.O.'s will parade at 5 p.m. Tuesday, or 7 p.m. Wednesday for instructions in fitting equipment.

Personal Equipment. Every man will take the following articles to camp.

- 3 Towels.
- 1 Pr. brown boots (laced)
- 1 spare pair boots (brown or black)
- 1 pair slippers (leather soled)
- 4 pair socks.
- 1 spare suit underclothing.
- handkerchiefs.
- scarf or other article for the head if called upon to bivouac.
- soap
- sponge
- shaving outfit
- hair brush
- { boot brush (one per two men will suffice.)
- { clothes brush
- boot polish
- brass polish

These articles will be packed in a handbag or suitcase, this must be tagged or labelled with the rank, name and company of the owner. Kit bags will not be issued. Bags will be left at Quartermaster's stores when ordered. Men will carry a swagger stick also.

Officers' Baggage. Officers' personal baggage will be limited to fifty pounds. Officers' will arrange for the transport of their own baggage to the dock.

Officers' Servants. Officers' will ~~xxxxxx~~ make their own arrangements for servants.

Clothing.

All clothing issued to men who will not attend camp must be returned to stores at once. These men should be collected and marched to stores in a body. Company commanders are especially warned to see that men who have joined Overseas units have returned their clothing, as they are personally responsible for these issues.

Arrangements must be made for issue of clothing to men going to camp. No change between these parties is allowed.

Extracts from G.O. no 27, 25th.Feb. 1915.

Canadian Engineers, 2nd. Field Company.

Captain G.F. Bramfitt is seconded for duty with the U of T. Contingent, Officers' Training Corps 15th. November 1914.

Canadian Officers' Training Corps, Univ. of Toronto, Contingent. The following appointments are made on organization of the Contingent.

To be provisional Captains:

George Henry Feedler, Esquire.
Malcolm William Wallace, Esquire.
Edward Stanley Ryerson, Esquire.
Edward Joseph Kylie, Esquire.
Velyien Ewart Henderson, Esquire.
Clarence Richard Young, Esquire.
William Fletcher McPherson, Esquire.
Henry Harrison Madill, Esquire.
William Stewart Wallace, Esquire.
Arthur Wellesley McConnell, Esquire.
George Malcolm Smith, Esquire. 15th. November, 1914.

To be Lieutenant:

George Oswald Smith, gentleman. 15th. November, 1914.

To be provisional Lieutenants.

Duncan Archibald Lamont Graham,
Lachlan Gilchrist,
Robert Gardiner Armour,
Charles Norris Cochrane,
George Sidney Brett,
Henry Gordon Manning,
James Roy Cockburn,
William Manton Treadgold,
Daniel Galer Hagarty,
Ayton Richey Leggo,
John Roy Mitchener,
Alan Miller Thomas, gentleman. 15th. November, 1914.

To be Quartermaster with the honorary rank of Lieutenant:

Charles Henry Channelor Wright, gentleman. 15th. Nov. 1914.

To be Paymaster with the honorary rank of Lieutenant:

Frank Boteler Kenrick, gentleman. 15th. November, 1914.

Infantry. 2nd .Regiment (Queen's Own Rifles of Canada).- Corps Reserve.- Captain C.V. Massey is seconded for duty with the University of Toronto Contingent, Canadian Officers Training Corps. 15th. November, 1914.

Corps Reserve.- Captain C.S.McVicar is seconded for duty with the University of Toronto Contingent, Officers Training Corps. 15th November, 1914.

31st. Grey Regiment./Corps Reserve.- Captain A.D.IePan is seconded for duty with the University of Toronto Contingent, Canadian Officers Training Corps. 15th. Nov. 1914.

The following officers are granted local rank of Major whilst seconded for duty with the University of Toronto Contingent, Canadian Officers Training Corps:

Captain C.S.McVicar, Corps Reserve, ²⁶ 26th. Regiment (Middlesex Light Infantry).

* Captain A.D.IePan, Corps Reserve, 31st. Grey Regiment. 15th. November, 1914.

* Subject to qualification.

Officers C.O.T.C. seconded for service with No 4 Stationary Hospital.

The following officers are automatically seconded upon their names appearing in Militia Orders:-

Major C.S.McVicar,
Capt. E.S.Ryerson,
LIEUT. D.A.G.Graham,
Lieut. R.G.Armour,
Lieut. G. Gallie,

(Sgd.), G.N.Bramfitt, Capt., C.E.

(Acting), Adjutant, U of T.,

C.O.T.C.

Memorandum for Officers.

Baggage.

Officers will be allowed to take cot, mattress, and trunk.

Servants.

Since no uniform but khaki will be worn, one servant should be able to look after the needs of three or four officers. These men are enlisted as privates and draw pay as such. Officers have found it advisable to advance to their servants only such money as is necessary to purchase cleaning material, etc. needed in their work. A small gratuity is usually given in addition, but men should understand that no advances upon their pay can be made.

Cleanliness.

All men proceeding to camp must have the hair cut short, and while there must shave every day. They should be especially warned to appear cleanly shaven upon the parade for embarkation or entraining.

Advance Party.

Officers whose men are writing examinations on Friday, April 30th. and who therefore cannot supply a detail for the advance party, must make their own arrangements with other company commanders who can supply the necessary men.

(Sgd.), G.N.Bramfitt, Capt., C.E.

(Acting), Adjutant, U of T.,

C.O.T.C.

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CANADIAN OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CONTINGENT

FROM G. M. Smith Lt. 2nd University Company.
TO ^{O.C.} ~~President Falcner~~ ~~Hon. Col.~~ V. J. T. C. O. T. C.

TORONTO, May 19 1915

Sir,

I have the honour to make the following representation with regard to the 2nd University Coy C. E. F.

The recruiting in Toronto is at present satisfactory but it would be much brisker if the status of the company were officially and clearly determined. Most of our men are drawn from a class of potential officers, many of them already Certificate A men. In many cases they are anxious to know definitely, whether after training they may be recommended for commissions if they prove themselves efficient. Definite recognition of the company as an Officers' Training Corps on an active service basis would mean that many men who now have chances for commissions would join us and get into training at once. An O.T.C. company would thus be a most effective means of training at once a lot of our best material. Of course men enlisting now sign up for any purpose and with no conditions attached but the good men with even remote chances of commissions are hanging back. This would not be the case if the O.T.C. character of the company were officially recognized. If the idea is sanctioned we shall have no difficulty in keeping the University of Toronto platoons on the highest level.

CANADIAN OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CONTINGENT

FROM _____

TORONTO, _____

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TO _____

I should therefore be grateful, Sir, if you will at once recommend to the Minister of Militia that the 2nd University Co'y be recognized as an Officers' Training Corps on an active service basis and if possible get the assurance that men properly qualified will be recommended for commissions after training either in the C.E.F. or in the British army. If such an assurance is impossible, it would nevertheless help considerably, if it were recognized that all training shall be on Officers' Training Corps lines.

If this is done, I feel confident from the interviews we have had that we can enlist potential officers and non-commissioned officers of the most efficient type.

I have the honour, to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

G. M. Smith

Lt. 2nd Univ. Co'y C.E.F.

May 29th, 1915

Major J. R. Forbes,

Paymaster,

Niagara Camp.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter stating that if the sergeants of the C.O.T.C. who attended camp qualify for their rank a supplementary pay list will be made in their behalf.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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